S. M. T. School, Trivandrum.

205 *MR. MURUKKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN: Will the Government be pleaseed to state:

(*a*) the minimum qualification prescribed for admission to the Civil Overseer class, Mechanical and Electrical Overseer class and Maistry course in the S. M. T. School, Trivandrum;

(*b*) the number of applications showing the caste of the applicants received for admission to those courses during the years 1110-1115; and

(*c*) how many of them were admitted?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Pro-Vice-Chancellor*): (*a*) E. S. L. C. for the Civil Mechanical and Electrical Overseer Classes and Fourth Form for the Maistry class.

(*b*) & (*c*) A * statement giving the information relating to the years 1110, 1111, 1112 and 1113 is laid on the table. In 1114 the School was transferred to the University, and has now been abolished. No applications for admission to the school were, therefore, received in 1114 and 1115.

Labourers employed in Coir Industry.

206 *MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether labourers employed in coir industry in Perinad, Paravoor, West Quilon and Mangad in the Quilon Taluk have been recently thrown out of employment due to the unusual economic situation; and

(*b*) whether they have taken any steps to combat the same?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know the measures taken to relieve the unemployed coir factory labourers in Quilon?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: No special measures are taken in any particular district. Measures are taken in general so as to apply to all affected.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: Sir, my question is whether Government have taken any steps to relieve the distress of the unemployed labourers of the Coir Industry in Perinad, West Quilon and Mangad. The answer is "Yes." I want to know the measures taken by Government in this direction?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: The measures that are being taken apply to all the labourers thrown out of employment including the labourers of Perinad, Paravoor, West Quilon and Mangad.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know whether there are Coir Factories in Quilon and Paravoor?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Yes Sir.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know whether Government have received any representation from the unemployed labourers of those Coir Factories?

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PRESIDENT: Yes. Representations have been personally made to me by unemployed persons of the Cashewnut Factories in Quilon. I have also received representations from unemployed persons of South Travancore and of North Travancore. It has been decided that doles of rice will be given to them until they get employment.

Coir factories in the Vaikom Taluk.

207 *MR. K. R. NARAYANAN (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of coir factories in the Vaikom taluk,

(*b*) the total number of employees who were working in all these factories; and

(*c*) the number of factories where work is being carried on at present?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) 5.

(*b*) Information is not available.

(*c*) Nil.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know how the Director of Industries got the figure 5 with reference to part (a) of the question?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: I got the figure from the report of the Board of Conciliation constituted in connection with the Mats and Mattings Industries disputes.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know why these factories were closed down?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS Because, due to war, the output of these factories could not find markets and so the factories were forced to close down.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know the proportion of unemployed factory labourers to unemployed non-factory labourers?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS. I am not sure of the proportion. But a large proportion are non-factory labourers.

Coir factories closed down in the State.

208 *MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of coir factories closed down in the State due to the recent war situation and the consequent lull in business;

(*b*) the approximate number of labourers employed in the above factories who have been thrown out of employment;

(*c*) the approximate number of non-factory coir labourers in the State who have been thrown out of employment as a consequence of war situation;

(*d*) the regions or taluks chiefly affected by the unemployment among coir labourers (both non-factory and factory) in the State; and

(*e*) the steps taken by the Government so far for amelioration of the deplorable condition of the coir labourers in the State?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) About 290.

(*b*) About 30,000.

(*c*) Information is not available.

(*d*) Ambalapuzha, Shertallai and part of Vaikom.

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